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SUBJ: UN HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIETNAM

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1. THIS MSG RECOUNTS LATEST MISOFF CONVERSATION WITH
SIR ROBERT JACKSON'S OFFICE (WITH STEFFAN DE MISTURA).

2. REFTEL NOTED THAT SYG HAD SENT LETTER TO MADAM BINH
INDICATING THAT UN PREPARED TO OFFER HUMANITARIAN AID.
NOW ANSWER RECEIVED BY UN, BUT DE MISTURA INDICATED THAT
LETTER WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT ANSWER NOT REQUIRED.
DE MISTURA ALSO STATED THAT SYG HAD TAKEN UP HUMANITARIAN
AID MATTER WITH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES IN MEXICO CITY
AT WCIWY BUT THAT VIETNAMESE POLITELY SIDE-TRACKED ISSUE.

2. REFTEL ALSO NOTED THAT UNICEF, UNHCR AND ICRC AUTHOR-
ITIES IN HANOI HAD BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO MAKE TRIP TO
SAIGON. THIS TRIP COMPLETED JUNE 4. RESULTS OF TRIP WERE:
AGREEMENT BY SAIGON GOVERNMENT TO REESTABLISH UNICEF OFFICE
IN SAIGON (FRANCOIS REMY, A SWISS, TO HEAD OFFICE, WHICH
EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN A MONTH OR SO); EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
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AS TO WHERE UNICEF COULD BE HELPFUL (HEALTH, NUTRITION,

VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY, EDUCATION); AND CONFIRMATION BY THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT THAT THE EMERGENCY IS NOW OVER WITH, THUS ENABLING UNICEF TO CONCENTRATE ON MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. WITH REGARD LATTER ITEM, DE MISTURA SUGGESTED THAT "END OF EMERGENCY PERIOD" MAY HAVE BEEN INSTIGATED BY UNICEF AS AN END RUN BY UNICEF TO GET OUT FROM UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF SIR ROBERTS JACKSON'S OFFICE, WHICH COORDINATES ONLY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

4. ON UNHCR SIDE, DE MISTURA INDICATED THAT IT IS EXPECTED THAT SAIGON WILL ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPATRIATION ABROAD OF A FOREIGN MINORITY RESIDING IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LATER WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS INSIDE THE COUNTRY.

5. SIR ROBERT HAS ABOUT \$5 MILLION LEFT, WHICH HE CURRENTLY IS ALLOCATING BETWEEN UNHCR AND UNICEF.

6. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS SEEM TO POINT TO THE QUIET DISAPPEARANCE OF THE UN'S EMERGENCY PROGRAM, WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE HAILED AS A SUCCESSFUL "BANDAID" OPERATION IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER EXPECTATIONS OF A VERY SIZEABLE EFFORT.
END COMMENT.
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